

# John Deere Classic

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TPC Deere Run

Silvis, Illinois, USA

## Bo Hoag

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Bo, great round today. Just walk me through kind of what was working out there for you today. Great start first couple holes, too.**

BO HOAG: Yeah. Just hit a good 9-iron into 1, I don't know, 15 feet or so and made that. Then I holed a bunker shot on the second hole and all of a sudden I was 3-under through 2, which is never a bad start.

Yeah, got off to a hot start and just kept it going. Kind of just played smart, aggressive when I had the chances, and, yeah, played good.

**Q. You talk about playing smart but also aggressive. When you start the day, what, nine shots back --**

BO HOAG: Yeah.

**Q. -- does it allow you to maybe play a little looser, play a little more aggressive?**

BO HOAG: Yeah, I think so. You're nine back and I don't think the leaders are coming back, so you got to go put a good number up and try to get in the mix for Sunday.

I've got nothing to lose. I haven't been playing that well coming in here, and just trying to, yeah, shoot a couple good rounds and prove to myself I can play well for a week.

**Q. What do you have in mind tomorrow? Do you have a number in mind that maybe you can make some noise or is there another 63 out there?**

BO HOAG: I would love to shoot 63 again. I don't really have a number. Just maybe try to make the most birdies of anybody tomorrow and rest take care of itself.

**Q. How much do you leaderboard watch now?**

BO HOAG: Yeah, it's still early, Saturday, and there are some birdies to be had, so I'm not resting on my laurels right now.



Yeah, I wouldn't -- not really. Not much until maybe later tomorrow. If you're in the mix coming down, maybe make some decisions based off of it.

**Q. Got to feel good for you to turn in some good rounds here after you said been kind of a struggle here the last year.**

BO HOAG: Yeah, yeah. No, I mean, I put two good rounds together the first two days to give myself a chance this weekend just to play two more rounds.

So, yeah, just taking advantage of that really and not putting too much stress on myself.

**Q. And an eagle offset by a single bogey. Tell me about it.**

BO HOAG: Yeah, just got off to a good start. Made a nice putt on 1 and holed the bunker shot on 2. You know, 3-under through 2, you start thinking a little bit, Hey, man, this could be a pretty good round. Just kind of kept it going.

**Q. You must be so strong mentally, because you came in here struggling a little bit with your game. For you to respond like that, like I said, you must be very strong mentally. How do you handle that?**

BO HOAG: Yeah, it's been a little tough. I haven't had the results the last few months, but I still believe I'm a good player and I know what I'm capable of, so just kind of believing in that.

**Q. As the leaders come through the inward nine, what are some holes they can take advantage of and some hole locations you got to be wary of?**

BO HOAG: They have the tee up on 14 today, one box, so that's a pretty gettable hole.

And 15 is a good hole. Not going to be many birdies. It's a tough tee shot and a little under the wind today.

18, same thing. Playing a little longer. You get good chances on 16 and 17 as well.



